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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Prease cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 11-23, as follows:

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with a joint ball (1.1), a plastic joint housing (2) into which is inserted a bearing shell (3) for the rotatable and to